

Marine Fisheries

For-Hire Blanket Vessel Coastal Recreational Fishing License

What Activities Require This Permit? This is a vessel license that allows a properly licensed USCG Captain to conduct for-hire operations in coastal waters while aboard the vessel. It authorizes all individuals on the for-hire vessel who do not hold an individual Coastal Recreational Fishing License to legally engage in angling.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify vessels used in the for-hire industry for surveying of catch and effort.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost?

- Six passengers or less \$250 (non-resident \$312.50)
- More than six passengers \$350 (non-resident \$437.50)

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any Division of Marine Fisheries License office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required for this license.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Contact any Division of Marine Fisheries License office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? All licenses are valid up to one year and expire on June 30th.

Notes/Comments: The vessel operator must hold a valid USCG Operators license that allows taking people for hire and for the intended passenger capacity.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-174.3, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03O .0101

Link: <http://deg.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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